GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Nirbheek Programme
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has started a programme/operation named "Nirbheek, to make minor girl child aware about sexual harassment likely to be faced by them in the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to start such programme/ operation across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. Delhi Police launched a pilot project "Nirbheek" in North East District in order to fill up the communication gap between the victims & police and to make girls, particularly, minor girls, aware about sexual harassment which could be inflicted upon a girl, by people who may be known to them or otherwise. Under Nirbheek, Delhi Police officials visit all-girls as well as co-ed schools and conduct interaction sessions with the girl students. The aim of these sessions is to build a rapport with them and talk about various initiatives of Delhi Police to enhance safety of women in order to instill a sense of confidence. A complaint box is also installed at a conspicuous location and the girl students are encouraged to report any form of abuse or harassment. Lady Constables visit the schools on weekly basis for an hour to collect complaints from the students, if any. This programme has subsequently been extended to all Districts of Delhi Police.
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(c) to (d): As per Seventh Schedule, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects under the Constitution, and as such the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes, including crimes against women lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

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